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SWIFT BRITISH REPUDIATION Wild Stories Of Sourabaya Attack

BATAVIA, NOV. 11.—INDONESIAN REPORTS DOUBTLESS OF A PROPAGANDA NATURE, SAID TO-DAY THAT SOERABAYA AND ITS VICINITY HAS BEEN DEVASTATED WITH "THOUSANDS OF INDONESIANS SOLDIERS KILLED" BY THE "CONTINUOUS BRITISH ATTACKS FROM THE AIR, SEA AND LAND."

OFFICIALS OF THE UNRECOGNISED INDONESIAN REPUBLIC HAVE RELEASED REPORTS, SAID TO HAVE BEEN TELEPHONED BY AN INDONESIAN ARMY CAPTAIN THAT "BODIES ARE PILING UP IN ALL SOERABAYA AND CANNOT BE REMOVED BECAUSE OF CONTINUOUS BRITISH SHELLING FROM THE SEA."

THE HEADQUARTERS OF LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR PHILIP CHRISTISON, ALIED COMMANDER OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, HAS DENIED THE REPORT.

The telephoned Indonesian report alleged that British troops were "moving into the city" employing "bombs, tanks and

World Trade Plan In Making

WASHINGTON, NOV. 11.—COMPARABLE REDUCTIONS IN AMERICAN TARIFFS WILL ACCOMPANY THE DIMINUTION OF BRITISH EMPIRE PREFERENCE, UNDER A PLEDGE ASSUMED BY BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONFERENCE CHARTER, THE CONTENTS OF WHICH WERE DISCLOSED TO REUTER TODAY.

Although the final British approval of the Charter depends on the successful outcome of the present financial negotiations, its contents will form the basis of discussion and agreement by a fifteen nation trade conference to be held next March and a full trade conference to take place in June next.—Reuter.

Rabbi March

New York, Nov. 11.—In a demonstration to coincide with Prime Minister Attlee's visit, 1,000 rabbis will "march" in Washington Monday to seek immediate admittance into Palestine for 100,000 Jews.

Rabbi Baruch Korff, adviser to the Hebrew committee of national liberation, said between 300 and 400 rabbis would leave New York city for Washington and delegations would come from Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Chicago and other metropolitan centres to deliver a four-point petition to congressmen and President Truman urging the transfer and repudiation of the British "White Paper," formation of a commission to carry out the League of Nations mandate and release of Jewish patriots said to be held by the British in the Egyptian Sudan, Eritrea and other places.—Associated Press.

TEDDER HONOURED

NEW YORK, NOV. 11.—AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ARTHUR TEDDER, OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AND DEPUTY-SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER DURING THE EUROPEAN WAR, WAS OFFICIALLY HONOURED BY NEW YORK CITY YESTERDAY.

He received a certificate of distinguished services from Mayor La Guardia at the City Hall, in a ceremony and later attended at the Yankee Stadium the football game, between the Army and Notre Dame.

He later joined Prime Minister Attlee and British Ambassador Lord Halifax in the talks in Washington on the future of atomic energy.—Associated Press.

GENERAL SPEAKS CHARGES DUPPLICITY

London, Nov. 11.—Major-General Sir Edward Spears, former British Minister to Syria and Lebanon, declared yesterday that in spite of French demands, he had information that Raschid Ali, leader of the 1941 pro-Nazi rising in Iraq, had received French assistance and had travelled in a French ship from Marseilles in his escape to Saudi Arabia.—Reuter.

Anti-War Sentiment

Chungking, Nov. 11.—More than 9,000 Communist troops near Kweishui, the besieged capital of Szechuan province, surrendered to the National Forces in a wave of anti-war sentiment sweeping the Communist ranks, the Government controlled Central News reported yesterday.—Reuter.

The Giddings Limit!

TROWBRIDGE, NOV. 11.—THREE GIRLS WHO WORKED IN ONE OF TROWBRIDGE'S LARGEST GROCERY STORES HAVE BEEN DISMISSED BECAUSE THEY WORE SLACKS AT WORK.

One of the girls, Mary Hedges, was wearing slacks to-day when she said: "Three of us girls turned up in blue slacks as we thought them most suitable for general work in a grocery store but the boss said: 'You will take off those slacks or be sacked.' We decided to stick to slacks. He then paid Ruby York her fortnight's wages and left immediately. But he told Rita Elvidge and myself that we must work out our notice."

"I have worked all the week in my slacks because I think my dismissal is unjustified."

The head of Messrs. Giddings, the employers of the girls said: "I do not consider it correct for young ladies to serve behind the counters of my shop wearing slacks. They prefer slacks to my orders and so they are sacked."—Reuter.

The announcement said that operations to clear Soerabaya of Extremists are continuing, but up to Saturday night further attacks had not been necessary. It declared that, in the earlier assault, "every target hit was known to be the centre of Extremist activity."

British casualties during the first morning of the fighting on Saturday were one killed and four wounded, the announcement said.—Associated Press.

TWO-THIRDS OCCUPIED

Batavia, Nov. 11.—Two thirds of Soerabaya is in the hands of British and Indian troops, who entered Java's biggest port when the surrender ultimatum expired.

French mortars were used in a brief but fierce encounter, which broke out in British-occupied Batavia. The fighting in Soerabaya was reported to have died down when British and Indian troops dug in for the night. Slight opposition described as "sniping" was reported to have been met.

Allied Headquarters said that General Mansergh had given the Soerabaya Extremists ample opportunity to comply with the measures necessary to maintain peace but no response had been received from them and they appeared determined to fight against any attempt to bring them under control.

ALMOST PHLEGMATIC

The Indonesians at Jogjakarta arranged for Brigadier Bethell, the British Commander, to broadcast over the radio station there last night. Brigadier Bethell emphasised that British action in Soerabaya is designed to bring the tumultuous situation under control.

Allied Headquarters said: "There has been no strong reaction in Java. The Indonesian reaction has been almost phlegmatic."

Indonesian sources said that the bombing and shelling of points in Soerabaya continued until late in the evening, after which British and Indian forces began moving into the city. They said that the roads leading out of the town were crowded with refugees.—Reuter.

TRUCK ATTACKED

Batavia, Nov. 11.—There has been a perceptible revival of unrest throughout Java with a British truck set on fire in the Kraant district of Batavia and continued tension at Bondong, south-east of Batavia, and Semarang, on the north coast.

At Bondong an Indonesian was arrested while attempting to break into headquarters of the 37th Indian Brigade.

At Semarang an Indian soldier was wounded when five shots were fired at a building the Indians had occupied.—Reuter.

Earlier reports appear in Page Four.

TOO FREE!

Lisbon, Nov. 11.—Opposition leaders in Oporto who demanded a free election have been arrested.—Reuter.

WORLD POLICY FOR THE COMMON MAN

WASHINGTON, NOV. 11.—THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, SPEAKING AT A WHITE HOUSE DINNER GIVEN BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN IN HONOUR OF HIMSELF AND MR. MACKENZIE KING, THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER, URGED THAT IN THE CURRENT DISCUSSIONS, ALL THE WORLD SHOULD "KEEP EVER IN MIND THAT WHAT WE ARE OUT FOR TO-DAY IS TO TRY AND DEVISE A WORLD POLICY FOR THE COMMON MAN."

HE SPOKE AFTER PRESIDENT TRUMAN, IN A SPEECH AFTER TOASTS HAD BEEN PROPOSED, HAD SAID:

ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS ABOUT THE BRITISH EMPIRE IS THAT WHEN THEY HAVE A FOREIGN POLICY — AND THEY ALWAYS HAVE ONE — THE BRITISH PEOPLE ARE BEHIND THAT POLICY, NO MATTER WHAT GOVERNMENT IS IN POWER.

President Truman, noting the strength behind British foreign policy, found an illustration in the Potsdam conference, where Mr. Winston Churchill started and Mr. Attlee finished, after the election victory, without a break in the negotiations.

He said: "I am hoping that the United States of America can implement its foreign policy which is the policy of the people and not the policy of any political party."

President Truman added: "We are going to our conference prayerfully. We are hoping that agreements and policies will come out of these conferences which will make an unbreakable organisation — a driving, moving and active programme."

UNIVERSAL POLICY

Mr. Attlee, noting President Truman's remarks on foreign policy, said: "What we need most of all is an universal foreign policy that is directed not to any immediate aim of any particular country but a foreign policy that is conceived in the interests of all people on earth."

"That does not mean that we do not take into account our particular differences but it seems to me to-day that our overriding interests of world civilisation come first."

Mr. Attlee added: "We must not let anything rob us of our freedom and of our democracy. Rather, we must try to see whether we cannot give to all nations that kind of security wherein, through long years on both sides of the Atlantic, we have worked up in practice that most difficult of all forms of government — about the only form of government that is worthy of men."—Reuter.

Women Weakening

WICHITA, NOV. 11.—A MYSTERIOUS TERRORIST ORGANISATION, DESCRIBING ITSELF AS AN "ANTI-JAPANESE SOCIETY," IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN BEHIND THE RECENT FOOD RIOTS AND LABOUR TROUBLES IN MALAYA, AND IS STILL CREATING DISCORD.

THERE IS SUFFICIENT SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL QUARTERS, TO SHOW THAT THE ORGANISATION HAS BEEN UP TO ALL SORTS OF TRICKS IN DISTURBING THE PEACE.

SINGAPORE, NOV. 11.—

Thousands of families in Malayan towns are living in nightly terror behind barred doors owing to the activities of the body.

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NOT AS IT SHOULD BE

Washington, Nov. 11.—Senator Robertson, Wyoming Republican, asserted "everything is not as it should be" as he demanded yesterday a Senate naval affairs committee investigation of the programme for returning overseas servicemen.

Robertson cited letters from servicemen to the effect that high point men are being held on duty while ships lie idle in Pacific ports or are used to send home Japanese military personnel.

"There is a breakdown somewhere between Washington and Europe, and Washington and the Pacific," he said.

Senator Walsh, Massachusetts Democrat, chairman of the committee, said he was sympathetic to Robertson's demand and would call a committee meeting Tuesday.

—Associated Press.

SOVIET'S ODD ACTIVITY

Buenos Aires, Nov. 11.—

The Soviet Union has made overtures toward the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Argentine, Foreign Minister Juan A. Cooke said last night.

He said that contacts had been made between representatives of the Polish government and the Argentinian Ambassador in London.

The economic situation in Singapore is likely to lead to a recurrence of the recent troubles. Cost of living is five to seven times higher than before the war.

BLACK MARKET

There is inflation and a thriving black market. Stolen army foodstuffs and cigarettes are its basis.

A sudden military swoop resulted in the recovery of over

\$12,000 worth of army stocks

and the arrest of 100 operators.

Over 250 tins of foods and 184 cases of chocolate were recovered.

Some loss of confidence in the

Stratos dollar is indicated by

the unofficial exchange rate of

\$30 for 100 Indian rupees, as

against the official rate of \$64

to 100 rupees.

Up-country food prices are

one-third those prevailing in

Singapore.—Reuter.

40TH ARMY RETREATS

Shanghai, Nov. 11.—

Related reports from an area

100 miles south-east of Peking

of the defeat of the Chinese

Nationalist 40th Army by a

Communist force which out-

numbered the Government

troops by ten to one.

The remnants of the defeated

40th Army have retreated to

the south.—Associated Press.

GETTING BRUM'S RENTS DOWN

BIRMINGHAM, Nov. 11.—

The rent of four two-roomed

furnished flats was cut by the

Birmingham Magistrates yesterday—one from 30/- to 12/- O.C.

The Valuer said that the furniture was old.

For letting three flats at Silver

birch Road, Erdington, Birming-

ham at excessive rents, Grace

Honeychurch was fined £40 and 10

guineas costs. She was ordered to pay back rent totalling £164.10.

—Reuter.

RED AFTER HESS

Nuremberg, Nov. 11.—

The Russian delegate on the

Nuremberg war crimes commission was reported to-day to be making a determined effort to bring Rudolf Hess, once Hitler's deputy, to trial.—Reuter.

CZECH OCCUPATION

Prague, Nov. 11.—

Premier Zdenek Fierlinger an-

nounced yesterday in the provi-

cial parliament that Russian

and American occupation troops

will leave Czechoslovakia in a

short time.—Associated Press.

FAIR FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Nov. 11.—

A committee for Indonesian in-

dependence sent President Truman

to-day an appeal to "terminate

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG
NOTICE
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CROWN LANDS

Holders of Permits for the temporary occupation of Crown Land in respect of the year April 1st 1941 - March 31st 1942 who wish to continue in occupation should register for renewal of their permits at the Lands Branch, Civil Affairs (Works), St. George's Building, Chater Road.

New Applications will also be considered.

H. S. ROUSE,
Colonel C.A. (Works).

OWNERSHIP OF HARBOUR CRAFT

All owners and managers of harbour launches and lighters, excluding junks and native craft, prior to 8th December, 1941 are to render a return of the craft owned by them at that date together with particulars of their present location where known to the Divisional Sea Transport Officer, Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon by the 17th November, 1945.

Captain W. J. MOORE, R. N. R.,
DIVISIONAL SEA
TRANSPORT OFFICER.

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NOTICE

The Special Branch, Civil Affairs (Police), are investigating charges against persons of assisting the enemy to the detriment of the Allied cause during the Japanese occupation. It is hoped that members of the public will assist the Police in their investigation by communicating any relevant facts within their knowledge. Any such information, if not already officially reported to the Special Branch, may be communicated in person to Room 305, Hoagkong Bank Building, 3rd floor, or by letter addressed to the Special Branch as above. Any written information should in addition to the facts within the writer's knowledge, contain his or her full name, address and telephone number (if any). An interview will be arranged by appointment as soon as possible after receipt of the communication.

Col. (G.A.)

S. A. SAMSON.

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REMEMBRANCE

A solemn ceremony at the Cenotaph yesterday morning marked Hong Kong's first Remembrance Day observance in four years. The observance was not unlike those of the years before the occupation, except for the added colour of uniforms that were unknown to the old Hong Kong, and the smartness and trimness of Volunteer units who, for the first time, honoured their own war dead. If McCrae's immortal lines have not been forgotten, it was yet a Poppy Day without poppies. The dead of Peipinghe are the dead of an older war. To the men who stood bowed before the Cenotaph yesterday, the Boche was an enemy who, after six bitter years, was with a show of might unparalleled in the history of a troubled world, thrown a third of the way across a continent from Normandy to the Unter den Linden. To the other contingent present, the Volunteers who with their blood had stemmed the first tide of invasion against another foe, in the New Territories - the ceremony had a differing significance. It commemorated the fact that the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps had magnificently proved itself more than a troupe of amateur soldiers camping occasionally for a holiday. There were the heaviest casualties, theirs were some of the most eminent defences of forlorn hope.

The day may yet be when mothers and wives of the fallen may bemoan about the Cenotaph, reading and re-reading a list of the dead of a war that so deeply touched Hong Kong. It will, at best, be a partial list. It will embrace the fallen in uniform. The generosity of memory of others will recall the dead whose demise was not less heroic but more horrible in the years of the occupation and of the internment camps. The ceremony, however, was as generous in its solemnity as a Colony in the first confused months of rehabilitation could approach. It was attended by representatives of all the allied nations in Hong Kong. There were present the Allies of the First World War and Allies of the Second. There were present men who had fought in Egypt, in Normandy and in the Arakan, and a detachment of those who fought in Hong Kong, joining together in a ceremony of simple dignity and reverence, in homage to their fallen comrades. It was at Gettysburg that Lincoln said: "It is for us, the living to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have left far so nobly advanced. It is for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these honoured dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain." Perhaps it was the presence of an American contingent that brought those memorable phrases to mind during yesterday's ceremony. Perhaps it was a deeper consciousness of the true significance of the occasion:

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CHINESE ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE

The Hong Kong Chinese Engineers' Institute, which was closed during the Japanese occupation, held a selection of exhibits yesterday afternoon, and an Executive Committee of 18 members was elected with Mr. Au-Yang Shih-Tung as Chairman and Mr. Hon Man-wei and Mr. Li Cheung as Vice-Chairmen.

Over 100,000 pieces of fresh fish were brought into Hong Kong during October. Now is the best fishing season, and the catch for November is expected to be even larger.

CORRESPONDENCE
Hong Kong
Hospitality

Sir - I have read with great interest and amusement various letters on the subject of H.K. hospitality. I visited Hong Kong during peacetime and during the first years of the war 1939-40. Hong Kong's name and Singapore's name always did stink with us merchant seamen. The only man who ever had any time for us and who did put himself out to do things for us was Padre Cyril Brown of the Missions to Seamen. A real white man in every respect. Outside hospitality was nil. We were looked on as human beings outside the H.K. civilian's ken. I have travelled the world over and now 65. What I would like to know is, when is the average British who manages to pick up a job in places like Hong Kong, Singapore, Ceylon and Kenya to realise that he or she is no better or worse than any serviceman, Army, Navy, R.A.F. or merchant seaman. These men have given their lives in thousands so that these people may still be permitted to go about with swelled heads and paltry pride in Hong Kong and other colonies. We hear of all they suffered in Stanley Camp and have felt sorry for them. Our padre was a kind man. These men are awaiting repatriation.

It is just to show that 1, one of the despised, did not bear animosity. Candidly I put it down to sheer ignorance on their part. We have been in H.K. harbour two months and I haven't been ashore yet and do not intend to go. One has to wear a uniform and be an officer to be noticed. Well, in my opinion there are better men about as ratings these days. Anyhow the notices will not affect me.

BARNACLE BILL.

The Other Side

Sir - Your correspondent "Seizing Is Believing" has a good case, but I wonder if he has ever stopped to consider the other side of the story.

In your excellent leader on the subject you said: "The ideal is, of course, that the Serviceman on his arrival here should gradually, in the same way as any other individual freshly arrived from home, make his own social contacts and frankly take such part in the normal social life of the community as his duties and his personality originally had been assigned.

MAIN FUNCTION

The ship's main function now is to serve, as quarters for American men and others who have been relieved from their ships in the harbour and are waiting transportation home.

There are about 400 aboard. Lieutenant Haberkorn said it was quite a crowd, with lots

strewed about the decks.

Accommodations are designed for 600, including the ship's personnel of about 70.

Another strange feature of the ship is the two quonset huts erected on the top deck, just as they would be put up ashore.

tirely on the maintenance of cheap labour.

Also in my condemnation I include certain wealthy Chinese - particularly the coolie contractors who have recently been receiving

not only a 15 per cent. commission

on all coolies supplied but have

also appropriated as much as 50

cents from each coolie's daily wage

of \$2, as "compensation for having

produced work."

There are dozens of people in

the Colony who have persisted

over and over again, in the face of

continual discouragements of this

nature, in attempts to break

through the reserve and the bar-

riers which seem, automatically,

to go up, but finally they feel the

venture to be hopeless and best

abandoned, to the relief of both.

Now and again, of course, there

are exceptions, and mutual friend-

ships have been established which

have persisted, through correspon-

dence, long after the Serviceman

has left for other climes. As I

stressed, before the personality of

a man is the key to community

associations. I am not referring

to people who feel they would like

to patronise the Serviceman, and

condescend to entertain a few now

and again. They don't worry the

Serviceman's privacy. He is far

better off without them.

But there are many others who

resent, as strongly as do the

Serviceman, even the remotest

suggestion that they are a race

apart, who find themselves

to be forgotten if sometimes they

shrug their shoulders in despair.

REVERSE SIDE.

Social Reform

Sir - This is my first visit to

this Colony and during my short

stay here I must confess I am dis-

gusted over many things. Per-

haps through the medium of your

newspaper I might be given the

privilege of voicing my dis-

satisfaction.

My first impression of H.K.

was of its beauty, the magnifi-

cence and protecting hills.

There is absolute perfection here

but it serves only as a very fine veneer

hiding the starvation, misery, and

suffering of a friendly people.

It is an application of the same in-

difference of the majority of the in-

habitants of the Colony. Their

apathetic and apathetic attitude

is not due to the fact that

they own high standards of

living and prosperity depend on

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Eisenhower Demands Courtesy

FRANKFURT, Nov. 11.—GENERAL EISENHOWER HAS ISSUED A LETTER TO ALL UNIT COMMANDERS DEMANDING A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF BEHAVIOUR OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY TOWARD THE ALLIED PEOPLES.

In this letter he declared that "our standing of courtesy both military and civilian have fallen below those that Americans have at home."

The Commander-in-Chief said that the soldiers' conduct was excellent in most cases but stated that "the remaining relatively small minority can give" a bad reputation that "will take our country a long time to overcome."

Eisenhower cited lack of courtesy, recklessness driving and imprudent army dress on the part of some soldiers as causing the United States to be discredited among the Allies. He said that there had been considerable loss of life from reckless driving and pointed out that German propaganda pictured "Americans as an uncouth, ill-behaved and irresponsible crew of gangsters."

Eisenhower said: "We must prove that such charges are completely false." Associated Press

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Shanghaillanders View Future With Pessimism

SHANGHAILLERS BEING REPATRIATED ON THE "ARAWA" EXPRESSED GENERAL PESSIMISM REGARDING THE FUTURE OF SHANGHAI AS ONE OF THE BIG FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT CENTRES OF THE FUTURE, IN A SURVEY OF OPINION TAKEN BY A "CHINA MAIL" REPORTER.

SHANGHAI'S POSITION SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED BY SIR VICTOR SASOON, WHOM THE SHANGHAI PRESS RECENTLY REPORTED AS STATING, IN AN INTERVIEW IN INDIA, THAT THE CHINESE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THE LEAD WHERE FOREIGN BUSINESS WAS CONCERNED.

By whatever understanding has been reached already, it appears that the Chinese in Shanghai are inclined to insist on holding 51 per cent. interest in all foreign enterprises, including the utilities.

Opinion on board the "Arawa" suggested that Manilla would be more likely to take over Shanghai's place as a foreign investment centre, with Hong Kong running a close second.

Shanghai, at the moment, we were told, is being ably administered and there is a temporary inflationary period with the United States dollar pouring in a regular flood from the U.S. Third Fleet to thousands of little cafés and bars that have sprung up like mushrooms. Prices now are everywhere quoted in Gold dollars and cents.

POLICING MEASURES

The Shanghai Municipal Police have not been completely disbanded, the Russian and Indian contingents being kept on temporarily, as well as the Chinese contingent. A nucleus of National Government police from Chungking are, however, in control of Shanghai policing.

The same situation exists in the former French Concession, where the old French Municipal Police are still on duty under new Chinese superintendents.

The Old Lady of the Bund, the "North China Daily News" has recaptured her old place as Shanghai's principal newspaper and sounding-board of British opinion in North China, and is turning out six pages despite a complete halting of all the linotypes and printing press by the Japanese. Millington is doing the N.C.D.N.'s printing.

The "Shanghai Times" and the "Shanghai Evening Post" and "Mercury" plants have been taken over by Chinese interests, and are now being issued as the "Shanghai Herald" and the "Shanghai Post."

FLEET IS IN

The arrival in Canton of 600,000 piculs of coal from Shinkwan and Ping Shek, with another 600,000 piculs on the way, has greatly helped the Power Station and various factories in their operations, thanks to financial assistance from the Kwangtung Provincial Bank and the Canton Municipal Bank. Fuel prices in Canton have declined. O.C.C.

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CHINESE BOUND FOR HOME

Fukuoka, Nov. 11.

A Japanese ship is carrying home 2,900 Chinese war-prisoner contract labourers whose rioting forced the American Marines to stand guard at the Chinese camp.

American troops rode the train that brought the Chinese to this northern Kyushu island harbour from Kyushu and southern Honshu.

A detachment of forty men is accompanying the repatriation ship on a five-day trip to Tanga. The vessel departed on Thursday.

Two Chinese were killed and two wounded and a score of Japanese police and civilians were beaten in the disorders which prompted the stationing of the Marines in each camp.

The Chinese labourers accused the Japanese coal mine operators of having failed to pay the wages promised in contracts signed at Shanghai last year.

It is reported that the Chinese are wearing from one to four Japanese wrist watches, while many carried cameras and other souvenirs. Associated Press.

Arabs Take Strong Line

Cairo, Nov. 11.

The Council of the Arab League will send a formal note to the British and United States Governments saying that no new decision will be taken on the Palestine problem without previous consultation and agreement with the Arab countries. It is learned authoritatively here to-day.

This is the essence of what transpired at this morning's meeting of the Arab League's Palestine Committee, when a resolution, based on the British 1939 White Paper and the late President Roosevelt's pledge to King Haile Selassie and the Regent of Iraq, was passed.

Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Yemen were represented at the meeting. Reuter.

JAPANESE CAMP IN WYOMING BREAKS UP

Heart Mountain, Wyo., Nov. 11.

The last 205 evacuees of the Heart Mountain relocation center for Japanese Americans entrained yesterday for the Pacific coast, where they now can return to their homes after three and a half years of internment.

The camp once was the third largest community in Wyoming. Nine hundred men from the camp entered the U.S. army and 20 of them died in action. The camp recorded 552 births and 183 deaths during its existence. Associated Press.

HOXHA ACCEPTED

London, Nov. 11.

A statue modeled after the famous photograph by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal, showing four Americans raising a flag under fire atop Iwo Jima's most formidable hill, was unveiled to-day at an observance of the 17th anniversary of the Marine Corps.

Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Marine commander, said in a speech that the flag raisers "symbolize the sacrifices throughout the ranks of our fighting men." Associated Press.

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Wainwright Ambition

WASHINGTON, NOV. 11.

GENERAL JONATHAN WAINWRIGHT WANTS TO RETURN TO BATAAN IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL PARK AS A MEMORIAL FOR THE MEN WHO FOUGHT AND DIED THERE.

Speaking at a press conference the General said: "I never want to see the Orient again as a military leader, but I want to go back to work on a plan that is dear to my heart."

"I am going to Bataan and make that sad battlefield into a national park as a memorial to the officers and men who fought and died there."

Wainwright will report to New York on January 15 to become the Eastern defence command head.

He said: "I will reach the mandatory retirement age in 1947. My only ambition then will be to start this national park." Associated Press.

AGA KHAN'S TRIBUTE TO AMERICA

Calcutta, Nov. 11.

In a statement here to-day, the Aga Khan said that the American Red Cross will spend \$25,000,000 in American occupied Germany, France, Holland and Belgium during the current fiscal year. The amount includes \$10,000,000 for civilian relief.

June 1 was set for the closing of the Army Red Cross installations outside the occupation area. Associated Press.

SURPLUSES FOR CHINA

Pearl Harbour, Nov. 11.

The Navy announced to-day that it was arranging to ship six shiploads of surplus supplies to the office of foreign liquidation commission in China for disposition in accordance with the surplus War Property Act.

Two ships will contain hospital equipment and supplies from the South Pacific. The other four ships will contain general provisions—food, clothing, general stores, automotive and construction equipment and repair facilities.

Four ships are already loaded in forward areas.

The six ships will deliver an estimated quantity of 50,000 tons of cargo at the original value of \$20,000,000 when purchased by the U.S. Government.

AMERICAN RED CROSS PROGRAMME

Mild Insurrection In Labour Party's Ranks

R.A.F. SNATCH VICTORY

THE DECIDING GOAL IN THE LAST MINUTE OF THE GAME GAVE THE R.A.F. A 2-1 VICTORY OVER THE ROYAL NAVY IN THE FIRST INTER-SERVICES SOCCER MATCH PLAYED IN HONG KONG IN SEVERAL YEARS.

Play was, perhaps, of the highest standard ever seen in the Colony, though it must remain a point for argument whether the old South China All-star teams of Hong Kong Football League could not have held either side.

There was a crowd of about 3,000 to see the game, played at King's Park at the Club de Recreio ground. From the kick-off, play was of the liveliest, the Navy forwards taking the ball up but failing on a fairly easy chance. The R.A.F. then retaliated and good combination among half-backs and forwards resulted in an easy goal for Stokes, centre-forward, in the first few minutes.

It proved a game of forwards, and the Navy took the offensive from the centre, giving Pope, R.A.F.'s custodian, an immediate opportunity to prove his mettle. Rhodes, R.A.F. centre-half, and Simons, left-back, did sterling work in defence when Navy continued to press.

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Early in the second-half, Pope saved again when Porteus, almost scored. The sailors continued to press, and eventually Martin obtained the equaliser.

Porteus and McAlister were putting in some excellent work, but Navy's attack lacked finish. R.A.F. had little of the play in the second half, but on the one occasion when their forwards got away, the spectators witnessed one of the most exciting moments of the game when Scorer, Navy keeper, brought off an almost impossible save.

In the concluding stages, play was faster than ever, both sides pressing for a goal. With a minute to go, the R.A.F. forwards got away and Stokes snatched up an opportunity of netting.

The teams were:

R.A.F.: Pope; Lennox, Simons; Dawn, Rhodes and Smith; Boyd, Lothian, Stokes, Kesley and Sheppard.

Royal Navy: Scorer; Forest, Gale; Nixon, Knight and Booth; Porteus, McAlister, Martin, Wrigglesworth and Griffith.

Italy Afraid Of Reputation

Rome, Nov. 10. The Italian Government press office has asked newspapers to exercise greater caution in the treatment of crime news.

The statement said that such news was likely to be transmitted abroad at a time when they could do grave damage to the Government which has been seeking restoration of full sovereignty from the Allies.—Associated Press.

Indonesian Leaders' Attitude Hardens

BATAVIA, NOV. 11. EVENTS WHICH IMMEDIATELY PRECEDED THE BRITISH ATTACK ON SOURABAYA INCLUDED A MEETING BETWEEN THE INDONESIAN REPUBLIC'S FOREIGN MINISTER AND GENERAL SIR PHILIP CHRISTISON, THE BRITISH G.O.C.

THE INDONESIAN SUGGESTED THAT THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO DISARM EXTREMISTS IN SOURABAYA BY DEGREES. BUT GENERAL CHRISTISON IS REPORTED TO HAVE COUNSELLLED COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE BRITISH Ultimatum.

According to the Netherlands news agency, the Indonesian internees everything would have gone well, but the "unfortunate decision to include their Dutch allies" was the cause of all the trouble.

ADVANCE HINTS

Advance hints of an obstinate Indonesian stand at Sourabaya were forthcoming the previous night when, before going off the air, the Nationalist-controlled Sourabaya radio urged the people "not to submit to the humiliating manner in which Major-General Mansorah ordered them to surrender."

The radio called on Indonesians "not to provoke clashes first."

The chief official of the Sourabaya radio was among Indonesian leaders who surrendered to the British ultimatum.—Reuters.

(By Reuter's Political Correspondent)

WIDELY EXPRESSED REACTION TO FOREIGN SECRETARY ERNEST BEVIN'S FORTHRIGHT SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT THIS WEEK ON BRITISH WORLD POLICY HAS BEEN TO SPOTLIGHT MR. BEVIN AS THE FIRST TO INSIST ON THE PREDOMINANCE OF AN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ORGANISATION OVER EVEN THE ATOMIC BOMB IN PLANS FOR FUTURE PEACE.

THOUGH PARLIAMENT IS STILL RINGING WITH MR. BEVIN'S STRONG WORDS ON GREAT POWER RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE STRAIGHT TALK TO RUSSIA, IT IS CLEAR THE SPEECH GAVE SATISFACTION TO A VERY LARGE PART OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Main exception was a section of the Government's own supporters who were apparently startled by the firmness of Mr. Bevin's words to Britain's Soviet ally and were in no sense comforted by the enthusiasm with which Conservative opposition as a whole welcomed the speech. This section, which is very small, is not expected to take action embarrassing to Government.

Impression held in high quarters is that Russia will be the first to appreciate the sincerity of Mr. Bevin's words and interpret his straight "thinking aloud" as an attempt to improve mutual understanding and British-Russian relationships by cutting through the tortuous language of diplomacy.

Few, if any, fear strained relations with Russia as a result of the speech.

The first defeat of the British Labour Government provided a real batter in the parliament ary week though the defeat was symbolic only, as it occurred in committee outside the chamber.

Issue was the clause in the Industrial Injuries Bill prescribing a three-day gap following injury before a workman could claim compensation.

"INSURRECTION"

The clause was defeated by 18 votes to 11. All 18 were Government supporters.

Within a few hours there were rumours of an emergency Cabinet meeting to consider possible action but actually the Cabinet was far too busy with preparations for Prime Minister Clement Attlee's departure for Washington for the atomic talks with President Truman.

A fresh "crisis" was expected toward the end of the week over other clauses in the Bill but by then the spirit of insurrection seemed to have subsided.

Mr. Attlee has gone to Washington for his talk with President Truman and Mr. Mackenzie King with the good wishes of the whole of British Parliament behind him. Belief is widely held that if the three statesmen agree that all atomic energy knowledge be shared internationally, a further meeting with Russia represented may be held to discuss eventual distribution of responsibility for control.

MR. ATTLEE'S HOPES

Mr. Attlee was hoping the Anglo-American financial talks and the Palestine conversations would have reached agreement by the time he arrived in Washington. U.S. Secretary of State Byrnes this week suggest a financial decision may still be some way off.

London experts see no suggestion

Berlin, Nov. 11. The Allied Control Council for Germany decided last night that its four members should inform their Governments that they are unable to agree on the law governing the formation of trade unions in Germany. The inability is due to the French opposition to trade union organisations, covering all Germans, being provided for in law.—Reuters.

FRENCH OPPOSE GERMAN UNIONS

LONDON, NOV. 11. HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN CHINESE COMMUNISTS AND TROOPS OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BROKE OUT ALONG THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA, NORTH OF CHINWANGTAO, LAST NIGHT, BRINGING ARTILLERY AND HEAVY MORTARS INTO PLAY IN THE CHINESE CIVIL WAR FOR THE FIRST TIME. NEW CLASHES WERE REPORTED ALONG THE MAIN CHINWANGTAO-PEIPING RAILROAD. AMERICAN MARINES REPORTED THAT THE BOOMING OF HEAVY WEAPONS COULD BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT FROM THE DIRECTION OF SHANHAIKWAN, FORTRESS CITY AND KEY TO THE GATEWAY INTO MANCHURIA.

Losing Patience With Siam

Paris, Nov. 10. PARIS, Nov. 10. A French Government spokesman expressed dissatisfaction to-day with what he said was American support of Siam claims on French Indo-China territory.

"We are losing patience with Siam," he said. "Siam obtained territorial concessions in Cambodia and Laos four years ago, which the French Government contends are invalid because they were negotiated with the Vichy regime." — Associated Press.

STAMPS PROBLEM

Some members receive 300 to 400 letters a week needing stamp replies, and although the income tax authorities allow a rebate for expenses, they cannot recover outlays themselves.

Cases are reported of members without other means who cannot afford to smoke because of the narrow margin on which they work.

Parliament may at the same time consider the case of junior Ministers who receive £1,500 a year but have big outlays, a heavy income tax and a position to maintain.

Some have found the position so unprofitable that they reject the Ministerial salary and accept instead the salary of an ordinary member, against which they can make a claim for income tax rebate on outlays.—Reuters.

MOSCOW, NOV. 10. Jose Giral, Prime Minister of the Spanish exiled government set up here by Republicans, is expected to explain how he hopes to restore the Republican Government to Spain and to ask the Republican Cortes for a vote of confidence.—Associated Press.

Five Germans Hanged

BRUNSWICK, Nov. 11. American Sergeant John C. Wood sprang the trap on five German civilians hanged here yesterday for the killing of six American fliers.

Wood said he hanged 210 persons in civilian life and supervised the hanging of 89 persons since joining the army.

He hoped that Joseph Kramer, Belsen concentration camp commander now on trial at Lueneburg would be his three-hundredth assignment. — Associated Press.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Nov. 10. An official dispatch recorded the arrival of large numbers of National troops at Paotow, the western terminus of the Peiping-Siuyuan railroad, and said defense of the city against Communist attack had been appreciably strengthened.

This was the first indication

PAOTOW DEFENCES

London, Nov. 10. SCOTLAND BEAT WALES THIS AFTERNOON BY THE COMFORTABLE MARGIN OF TWO GOALS TO NOTHING AT HAMPDEN PARK, GLASGOW. ABOUT 80,000 SPECTATORS SAW SCOTLAND WIN THE TOSS AND PLAY WITH THE BREEZE BEHIND THEM.

THE SCOTS WENT AHEAD IN THE TWELFTH MINUTE OF THE GAME, WADDELL KICKING FROM FIVE YARDS ON A PASS FROM LIDDELL WHO PICKED UP THE BALL AFTER AN ERROR BY THE WALES DEFENCE. HALF-TIME SCORE WAS SCOTLAND 1, WALES 0.

RESULTS OF OTHER GAMES PLAYED WERE:

LEAGUE NORTH

CHESTERFIELD 1, STOKE 1; PRESTON N.E. 2, MANCHESTER U. 2; SHEFFIELD W. 3, BLACKPOOL 2.

LEAGUE III NORTH (EAST)

MILLWALL 1, WEST BROMWICH 4; SOUTHAMPTON 3, WEST HAM 3; SWANSEA 1, CHARLTON 1; BRADFORD CITY 2, DARLINGTON 5; LINCOLN CITY 1, HALIFAX 2; ROTHSHAM 5, CARLISLE 0; DONCASTER 2, GATESHEAD 2; YORK 5, HARTLEPOOL 2.

LEAGUE III NORTH (WEST)

BARROW 2, ROCHDALE 1; CHESTER 3, ACCRINGTON 3; SOUTHPORT 2, WREXHAM 2; STOCKPORT 3, OLDHAM 1; TRAMMERS 4, CREWE 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE A

HAMILTON 3, QUEEN'S PARK 4; HEARTS 1, ABERDEEN 2, PARTICK 2, HIBERNIAN 2; QUEEN O'SOUTH 2, RANGERS 4; ST. MIRREN 2, FALKIRK 0.

IRISH REGIONAL LEAGUE

CLIFTONVILLE 0, BELFAST CELTIC 3; GLENLTAN 9, DERRY 2; LINFIELD 3, DUBLIN 2.—REUTER.

(IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PUBLISH FULL SCORES Owing TO POOR RADIO RECEPTION).

FORCES SOFTBALL

U.S.S. DIOMEDES WON THEIR THIRD AND FOURTH STRAIGHT GAMES IN THE SOUTH CHINA FORCES SOFTBALL LEAGUE DURING THE WEEK, BEATING U.S.S. BRANNON BY FOUR RUNS TO TWO, AND U.S.S. KENNETH WHITING BY FOUR RUNS TO ONE.

IN THE FIRST GAME, SULLIVAN HELD TO FIVE HITS WHILE KENDRICK HIT HIS SECOND HOME RUN OF THE SEASON. TEOPES OF BRANNON ALSO HIT A HOME RUN IN THE LAST GAME, BUT WITH NO OTHER PLAYERS ON BASE, IT DID NOT SCORE. KENDRICK HIT A HOME RUN IN THE FOURTH.

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